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SUBJ: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, JULY 27, 1973

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

THE NUMBER OF REPORTED CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, AND PARTICULARLY
ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF), WERE SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN IN WEEKS PAST.

JULY 26, I CORPS HEADQUARTERS BRIEFING:

FOURTEEN CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED, CONSISTING OF TWO
GROUND ATTACKS, EIGHT ABF'S AND FOUR HARASSMENTS. GVN CASUALTIES:
FIVE KIA, TWENTY-EIGHT WIA; PRG/NVA CASUALTIES: FOURTEEN KIA.
GVN ARTILLERY WAS FIRED ONLY BY THE 2D DIVISION IN QUANG NGAI
(326 ROUNDS).

JULY 27:

SIXTEEN VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED, CONSISTING OF ONE GROUND ATTACK,
ELEVEN ABF'S AND FOUR HARASSMENTS. GVN CASUALTIES: EIGHT KIA,
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THIRTY-FIVE WIA; PRB/NVA CASUALTIES: NINE KIA. GVN ARTILLERY

FIRED ALMOST ENTIRELY IN QUANG NGAI (192 ROUNDS SOUTH OF HAI VAN PASS; NO ROUNDS NORTH). INTELLIGENCE SOURCES INDICATED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSES, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES, AT THE END OF ROUTE T-7 BRANCH IN NORTHWEST THUA THIEN, ALONG THE MAIN NORTH-SOUTH ROAD ARTERY IN NORTHWEST QUANG NAM AND NORTHEAST OF HIEP DUC DISTRICT TOWN IN QUANG TIN.

2. ICCS:

POLOFF HUE REPORTS THAT THE REGION I DELEGATIONS REMAINING AFTER DEPARTURE OF CANDEL WILL NOT CONDUCT FORMAL BUSINESS UNTIL A REPLACEMENT ARRIVES, BUT THAT THE ICCS QUANG TRI SUB-REGION TEAM PLANS TO MEET REGULARLY WITH THE PRG ACROSS THE THACH HAN RIVER IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CONTACTS ALREADY ESTABLISHED. THE REGION INDODEL IS SHORTHANDED AWAITING ARRIVAL OF THE NEW CONTINGENT OF REPLACEMENTS ON JULY 30.

3. COMMUNIST AIR AND GROUND ACTIVITIES:

A. ACCORDING TO AN UNCONFIRMED GVN AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY REPORT TO I CORPS FORWARD, A MIG-21 FLEW OVER QUANG TRI CITY ON 25 JULY AND THEN AS FAR SOUTH AS MY CHANH VILLAGE BEFORE TURNING SOUTHWEST TO THE MOUNTAINS. IF CONFIRMED, THE OVERFLIGHT REPRESENTS THE DEEPEST INCURSION TO DATE INTO GVN AIRSPACE.

B. I CORPS FORWARD G-2 INTERROGATED A NVA RALLIER WHO CAME OVER TO THE GVN ON 24 JULY AND INDICATED THAT THE PRG PLANS TO DEVELOP TA BAT (YC425953) AND A LUOI (YD384003) ON THE SAME SCALE AS DONG HA CITY. ON 22 JULY, A 16-TRUCK CONVOY CARRIED MACHINERY FROM A SHAU TO TA BAT FOR A SAW MILL. POLOFF HUE REPORTS THE RALLIER ALSO REVEALED THAT A 100-MAN ARMOR COMPANY ARRIVED ON 23 JULY IN PHUONG THUY VILLAGE ABOUT 10 KMS SW OF QUANG TRI CITY WITH THE MISSION OF SUPPORTING ALL INFANTRY UNITS IN THE AREA.

4. DEFECTIVE ENEMY DEFECTOR:

NORTH VIETNAMESE NGUYEN VAN BAC, THE RALLIER MENTIONED ABOVE, APPARENTLY CAME OVER TO THE GVN BECAUSE HE WAS UNHAPPY WITH THE WAY THE NVA IGNORED HIS SOVIET MILITARY INTELLIGENCE TRAINING TO ASSIGN HIM TO AN AIR DEFENSE UNIT. IN ADDITION HE WAS UNHAPPY WITH THE NVA'S BUSTING HIM FROM 2D LIEUTENANT TO MASTER SERGEANT BECAUSE HE REPEATEDLY CONTRACTED VENEREAL DISEASE.

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